

No cap on higher education intake for SPM, STPM holders, says Zambry

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KOTA KINABALU: There is no fixed limit on the number of students admitted into higher education institutions for Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) and Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM) holders, says Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir. The Higher Education Minister said

around 100,000 SPM leavers and 75,000 STPM leavers have the opportunity to continue their studies not only at universities, but also in skills-based fields such as Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). "We do not have a specific target (for university intakes), as we are providing the broadest possible access. We ensure that those with the required qualifications are placed accordingly, as long as they are interested in furthering their studies," he said on Sunday (April 19). He added that the opportunities available allow students to choose their pathways, whether at the certificate, diploma or degree level, in line with their interests and current industry needs. Meanwhile, Zambry, who was speaking at the Jom Masuk Universiti Zone II Sabah programme at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), said the programme provides students with guidance on available opportunities and gives them a broader perspective on courses they wish to pursue. He said the programme received an encouraging response, with about 12,000 visitors on its opening day, achieving its objective of reaching out to students on educational opportunities. Also present were Sabah Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister Datuk Jafry Ariffin and UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Kasim Mansor.